

## 2005 Lightning Fatalities

In 2005, there were 38 lightning fatalities, 6 more than the 2004 total of 32. The 2005 number falls below the 10-year average of 44 fatalities. For the 7th consecutive year, Florida was hardest hit with 5 fatalities. Pennsylvania lost 4 residents to lightning, while Ohio numbered 3 lightning deaths. As per previous years, the most dangerous place to be in 2005 was in the open, with 21 deaths, up from 13 lightning victims in 2004. The next most dangerous location was under a tree with 8 deaths. In 2005, over eight times as many males, 33, (87%) as females, 4, (11%) were killed by lightning. The 30-49 age range accounted for 45% of the fatalities with 17 deaths. Youths aged 10-19 accounted for another 8 deaths, (21%). Typically, lightning most severely affects younger ages that are active outside.

### 2005 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
AZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
CA	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
FL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	5
GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
IA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
KY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ME	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OH	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
OK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	4
SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
TX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
UT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>101*</b>

(\* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

### 2005 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	1	1	0	2	5
10 TO 19	1	7	0	8	21
20 TO 29	0	2	0	2	5
30 TO 39	0	8	0	8	21
40 TO 49	1	7	0	8	21
50 TO 59	0	2	0	2	5
60 TO 69	1	1	0	2	5
70 TO 79	0	1	0	1	3
80 TO 89	0	0	0	0	0
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	4	1	5	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>99 *</b>
<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>	

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#### LEGEND

**BF** - Ball Field  
**BO** - Boat  
**CA** - Camping  
**EQ** - Nr Hvy Equipment  
**GF** - Golf  
**IW** - In Water  
**OT** - Other/Unknown  
**OU** - Outside Open  
**TE** - At Telephone  
**UT** - Under Tree